

REMARKS

Claims 44-48, 59, 63, 65 have been amended in a grammatical, non-limiting manner.

Claims 31-36, 40-43, 67 have been canceled.

Independent claim 79 has been added.

Dependent claims 80-82, directed to specific compounds set forth in claim 1, have also been added.

Claims 1, 4-13, 28-30, 37-39, 44-49, 54-66, 68, 69 and 79 are currently pending.

Initially, Applicants would like to thank Examiner Moore for the courteous and helpful telephonic interview conducted November 17, 2009, which Applicants believe materially advanced prosecution in this case. The substance of the interview is reflected in the comments and claim amendments herein.

The Examiner has previously indicated that the subject matter of claims 44-49 is allowable. Claims 1 and 69 are directed to this subject matter.

As discussed during the interview, claims 1 and 69 have been amended so that they are also directed to (1) the sterol derivatives identified at page 75 of the present application; and (2) the cyclohexane compound identified in examples of the present application. As discussed during the interview, Applicants respectfully submit that claims directed to such additional compounds are free of the Cai reference.

Furthermore, although not specifically discussed during the Interview, Applicants respectfully submit that claims directed to diamides of formulae XXV and XXVI are free of the Cai reference as well – claimed formulae XXV and XXVI require R44 to be saturated. In contrast, Cai merely discloses an unsaturated compound (“undecenamide”).

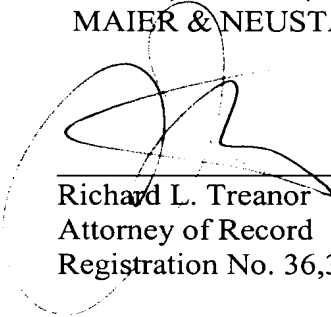
At any rate, new independent claim 79 does not contain formulae XXV or XXVI, so Applicants respectfully submit that claim 79 is allowable.

In view of the above amendments and discussion during the interview, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending obviousness rejection based on the Cai reference has been overcome. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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